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Eastern Star News

Friday, Dec. 2 and Saturday, Dec. 3 marked the days of the Eastern Star Bazaar. Much work for this important occasion had been done to make it one of the best.

Luncheon was served both days from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dinner Friday evening from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Masonic Temple. The theme for the bazaar was "Around The World For Christmas"

At our first initiation held Monday, Nov. 28 about 75 members and guests enjoyed a delightful dinner under the chairmanship of our associate matron Lillian Garrett.

The tables were attractively decorated with centerpieces composed of Indian corn, gourds, cattails and fall leaves. Tall yellow tapers flanked the centerpieces on either side. The dining room chairmen being Winnie Arnet conductress and Pauline Templer associate conductress.

A string trio under the direction of Dr. Maurice W. Riley of Eastern Michigan University and his sons George Maurice and Ben Carl gave several musical numbers in the chapter room prior to the meeting which was thoroughly enjoyed.

The next regular meeting will be December 12. Please try to attend.

Our sympathy is extended to the families of Hazel Geer Root, Elihu Gooding and Dr. Walter Wright, members of our chapter for many years.

We have a number of our members on the sick list three are hospitalized. Louella May, Ralph Parker, and Elmer Perry, while Maud Huston, Grace Ross and Jean Ring are recovering at home. I wish a speedy recovery to you and in closing may I wish you and your family a Merry Merry Christmas.

Faithfully and Fraternally
Laura Geib, Matron

TRIP TO MEDINA ENJOYED BY FELLOWCRAFT TEAM

A very enjoyable time was had by all the Brothers and members of the Fellowcraft team who made the trip to Medina, Michigan on November 7.

For the uninformed Medina is a small town about ten miles southwest of Adrian. It is not shown on most maps, and as far as I could determine a general store and about three houses was the entire town. It was quite amazing that there was a Lodge there at all. The entire floor above the General Store was the Lodge Hall, kitchen, and dining room.

After the plentiful dinner, all repaired to the Lodge Room for the usual introductions and preliminaries. The preparation rooms were on the small side, however the fellowcraft team operated smoothly. Dimensions of the Lodge room were somewhat smaller than those of Phoenix and for a while it appeared the temple might not stand the stress and strain.

As usual the team and the ruffians did a fine job in exemplifying the second section of the Master Mason Degree, and along with team Captain Merv Shannon are to be congratulated.

Brothers making the trip including the members of the degree team were: Troy Bird, John Bailey, Paul Richmond, Richard Schlanderer, Everett Eddington, Bill Fensch, Clayton Proctor, Norman Holder, Jim Mohler, Ray Vorce, Cliff Kreiser, John Adams, Carl Barnett, Charles Bohn, Nels Mickelson, Russ Akans, Charles Fagan, Frank Brickell, Irwin Hendershot, Alan Stewart, Frank Daniels, Frank Harper, Henry Van Riper, Tony Tonda, John Jobe, Merv Shannon, Noble Goings.

Excelsior Chapter Installs Officers

The annual Installation of Officers of Excelsior Chapter No. 25, R.A.M. and Union Council No. 11, R. and S.M. will be in the Masonic Temple, Friday, December 16, following a 6:30 banquet in the dining room. The public is cordially invited.

The Installing Officers for Excelsior Chapter will include Dick C. Holihan, Grand Principle Sojourner, of Flint, Acting Most Excellent Grand High Priest of R.A.M. of Michigan; Arthur N. Rozelle, Acting Grand Captain of the Host; H. Cecil Holtz, Acting Grand Secretary; and Hugh Dinsdale, Acting Grand Chaplain.

Arthur N. Rozelle of Ypsilanti, Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council, R. and S.M. of Michigan will be Installing Grand Officer for Union Council. Assisting him will be Kenneth L. Dudley, Ann Arbor, Installing Grand Marshal; H. Cecil Holtz, Installing Grand Recorder; and Hugh Dinsdale, Installing Grand Chaplain.

Dinner reservations may be obtained by contacting Richard J. Schlanderer, HU 2-4262, or John Collins, HU 2-5358.

In Memoriam

Two brothers joined the Celestial Lodge above over which the Supreme Grand Master presides this past month.

They are Walter J. Wright and Elihu B. Gooding. Both had been members of the Masonic Fraternity for a long time. Brother Wright had just received his 60 year pin, while Brother Gooding was only two years behind. Brother Wright was raised in Stockbridge Lodge No. 130 and transferred to Phoenix in 1921.

WALTER J. WRIGHT
Born: October 5, 1878
Enterred Apprentice: May 17, 1900
Fellowcraft: June 7, 1900
Master Mason: July 26, 1900
Died: November 15, 1960

ELIHU B. GOODING
Born: April 11, 1879
Enterred Apprentice: May 22, 1902
Fellowcraft: June 19, 1902
Master Mason: September 26, 1902
Died: November 15, 1960

Address Wanted

Brother Secretary advises that he is in need of the address of Brother John William Gustin. Any Brother knowing the whereabouts of Brother John please contact the Secretary.

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Mason's Marks

By W. Bro. W. E. Cook, P.M.
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The stones of many old European churches bear peculiar marks to designate the work of the original builders. These builders shaped their blocks of stone according to the dimensions given and the designs drawn by the architect, and to avoid confusion, marked each block with a given sign as representing their signature.

These marks have been observed to be of two classes—those of the overseers and those of the men who worked the stones. The marks of the first class consist of monogramatic characters, and are placed separately on the stones; those of the second class partake more of the nature of symbols, such as trowels, mallets, etc.

It is stated that in Rheims, in one of the portals, the lowest of the stones forming one of the arcades, is marked with a kind of monogramatic character, and the outlines of a sole of a shoe. The stone above it has the same character, and three soles, and so on all around the arcade.

The primary use of the Mason's marks was to denote the work of each mason employed in hewing or preparing stones of any building, first, if paid by the piece, each man might have his work measured without dispute, and second, that if the work be badly done, or an error made, it might at once be seen on whom to throw the blame, and by whom, or at whose expense, the fault was to be amended.

It was a masonic law that every mason should register his mark in a book, and he could not change that mark at his own pleasure. An authority on mongrams and symbols, after studying 11,000 marks on historical buildings, professed his ability to discriminate between the marks of the Master Masons, the Fellowcrafts, hte Apprentices, and the "Blind marks" of those hired to work, but who were not members of the Craft.

Such were the methods by which our Ancient Brethren marked their work, but we, as Free and Accepted or Speculative Masons, are taught to mark the stones of our Spiritual Temple with kindly thoughts and worthy deeds.—Exchange.

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Principles in Business

by J. C. Penny

For My Life Program I adopted six principles. I believe that they contain the essentials of success.

I believe that preparation wins. A man must know everything possible about his business; he must know more than any other man knows.

I believe that hard work wins. The only kind of luck any man is justified in banking on is hard work, which calls for sacrifice, persistent effort and dogged determination. Growth is never by chance; it is the result of a combination of forces. And the success we build will be the achievement of our united efforts.

I believe that honesty wins. The kind of honesty that keeps a man's fingers out of his neighbor's till, of course; but the finer honesty that will allow a man to give less than his best, the kind of honesty that makes him count not his hours but his duties and opportunities; that finer honesty that constantly urges him to enlarge his information and to increase his efficiency.

I believe that confidence in men wins. I have found my most valuable associates by giving men responsibility, by making them feel that I relied on them. And those who have proved unworthy have only caused the other who far outnumbered them to stand in a clearer light.

I believe that the spirit wins. One of the wisest men who ever lived said, "For the letter killeth but the spirit giveth life." . . . It is the spirit of the men and women in any organization, the spirit of the pioneers in any new field, the spirit of the founders of cities, of the builders of industries—that will solve probelms, conuer difficulties and achieve individual and collective success.

I believe in a practical application of the Golden Rule. The Golden Rule is a golden law of love. It underlies all true religion. Observance of the Golden Rule ensures observance of civil law and carries us past the letter of the law to the spirit which "giveth life."

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GREAT VIRTUES ARE ETERNAL

The world is entering a new era. We know that violent and revolutionary events are taking place in the world. Almost unbelieval things are happening to social orders that have existed for centuries.

Institutions do not survive through the ages by accident. They live only through the possession of everlasting principles. The power of the accumulated wisdom of the past is a resistless impelling force upon the present.

Basic philosophy has nothing in it which needs changing. New age, era or whatnot, men will still need love, friendship, loyalty, brotherhood, generosity and kindness. They will still need understanding, patience and goodwill. Therefore, let us remember that what was really true a thousand years ago with reference to the great virtues is just as true today and will be equally true in the ages to come.

There is a little insistent idea that simply will not stop singing around in our heads—the fact that life really is good—especially when we play according to the rules. If we would listen to that little insistent voice within us, we should hear the music in it, melody that delights us and draws us back to the rythm of life.

Then a man is changed inside, **everything is changed for him.** Life's meaning is found, and inner unification is achieved, as the individual commits himself to, and identifies himself with, **the best that he knows.**

You are today where your thoughts have brought you. You will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you. Whatever your present environment may be, you will fall, remain, or rise with your thoughts, your wisdom, and your ideals.

Let us then look well to the teachings of Masonry, for our personal guidance. Listen to these words of our great leader the venerable Albert Pike:

"Divine truth is a knowledge of God and His attributes and of our relation to Him.

"Freemasonry should be more than a philosophy of life; it should be an experience of the soul.

"You are a spirit with a body, rather than a body with a spirit. The most important part of you is your soul and what becomes of the soul is much more important than the disposition of the body.

"In the long run, the mind will be happy, just in proportion to its fidelity and wisdom. Believe that there is a God; that He is our Father; that He has a paternal interest in our welfare and improvement. Believe that He has destined us to a future life of endless progress toward perfection and a knowledge of Himself, and you can live calmly, endure patiently, labor resolutely, hope steadfastly, deny yourself cheerfully, and be **conqueror** in the great struggle of life.

"Out of the same circumstances, different men may bring totally different results. Life is what we make it, and the world is what we make it. The eyes of the cheerful and of the melancholy man are fixed upon the same creation A good man will find that there is goodness in the world, an honest man will find that there is honesty in the world; and a man of principle will find principle and integrity in the minds of others."

— The Masonic World

TRUTH

In the book published by Claude Kendall, 70 Fifth Ave., New York called **LO** is certainly the severest and most telling indictment of modern science for many a decade. The book LO opens with an introduction by Tiffany Thayer in which he says "can you imagine the consternation in class room and counting house if the Astronomers should suddenly become honest enough and frank enough to post this notice on the door of Yerkes, or Mt Wilson Observatory.

CLOSED

Because it has been discovered that the earth does not revolve about the sun and does not rotate on an axis; because the stars have been found to be lights only a few miles away; because every pronouncement from this hall of learning issued since its corner stone was so solomnly laid has been a mistake, a joke, and error or a hoax - the older and more succeptable professors who once played whist here in the shadow of the retracting telescope have gone away to die in chagrin while the younger among us take a short trip to what we have so often jokingly referred to as the constellation Orion. Back in thirty days. He points out in his book that the inmates of our observatories are not Astronomers, but mathematicians, and that Mathematicians are incurable. "All the data and repetitions and agreement of data in Astronomy are nothing but circumstantial evidence." In his closing chapter Mr. Fort shows the inconsistency of the theory that the earth is flying through space. receptacle of all things. The Space. Space is the general cellular Cosmos is the receptacle of all things. The cellular Cosmos is the receptacle of all things whatsoever, and therefore embraces all space. No room for anything more, and nothing more to put in it.

The Cellular Cosmogony as outlined by Dr. Cyrus Teed is the answer to any and all problems of Creations. Modern Astronomy is not modern, it was born in the dark ages and is still very dark. It is not based on fact but assumptions. And as Master Masons we should prove all things. For only the Truth can make us Free.

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